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1. AT TWO-HOUR PRIVATE MEETING WITH SEMENOV YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TRUSOV, AND I WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EARLE) WE CONTINUED OUR DISCUSSION OF MIRV VERIFICATION, FOR THE MOST PART GOING OVER SAME GROUND AS PREVIOUSLY. ONLY SMALL STRAW WAS THAT, DURING COURSE OF HIS REMARKS, HE SAID THAT "ADEQUATE CONCLUSIONS" COULD BE DRAWN ON THE BASIS OF NTM OBSERVATIONS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME AND THAT SUCH OBSERVATIONS "MADE IT POSSIBLE TO COMPARE DATA OBTAINED AND TO DETERMINE WHAT MISSILES WERE DEPLOYED IN CERTAIN LAUNCHERS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS". IN RESPONSE I SAID THAT PERHAPS HE WAS SAYING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LAST SENTENCE OR OUR AGREED STATEMENT #2, THAT IS THAT FACTS WHICH COULD SUPPORT THE CONCLUSION THAT A LAUNCHER HAS CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED AN ICBM WOULD INCLUDE THE PRESENCE OF AN ICBM OR OF SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR AN ICBM AT OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAUNCER. HE DID NOT DENY THIS, AND IT WAS LEFT THAT
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IF THIS WERE THE CASE WE WOULD BOTH LOOK FOR WAYS OF EXPRESSING

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THAT SUBSTANCE IN MUTUALLY AGREEABLE LANGUAGE.

2. SEMENOV GAVE ME LANGUAGE ADDING LAUNCHERS TO PARA (B) OF ARTICLE IX (WEAPONS ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES).

3. HE TOLD ME THAT AT WEDNESDAY' MEETING HE WILL AGAIN MAKE STATEMENT ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION AND NON-TRANSFER, QUESTIONS TO WHICH BREZHNEV "PERSONALLY ATTACHED VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE." JOHNSON

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